

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 1) 04 Mar..... Luke 1:1-80.....A Special Baby – Rejoice
- 2) 11 Mar..... Luke 2:1-52.....A Unique Person – Praise God
- 3) 18 Mar..... Luke 3:1 – 4:30.....An Unexpected Messiah – Honor Him
- 4) 25 Mar..... Luke 4:31 – 6:11..... Christianity 101 – Accept Others
- 5) **01 Apr..... Luke 6:12 – 8:56 Christianity 102 – Live to Benefit Others**
- 6) 08 Apr..... Luke 24:13-35.....Be Confident of the Resurrection
- 7) 15 Apr..... Luke 9:1-50..... Christianity 103 – Meet Needs
- 8) 22 Apr..... Luke 9:51 – 13:21..... Christianity 104 – Be Good Neighbors
- 9) 29 Apr..... Luke 13:22 – 17:10..... Christianity 105 – Manage Money Well
- 10) 06 May..... Luke 17:11 – 19:27..... Christianity 106 – Learn to Pray
- 11) 13 May..... Luke 19:28 – 22:65.....He Voluntarily Suffered – Be Grateful
- 12) 20 May..... Luke 22:66 – 23:49.....He Offers Salvation – Believe
- 13) 27 May..... Luke 23:50 – 24:12,36-53..... He Lives Eternally – Carry On

INTRODUCTION

- The following 144 verses show Jesus’ humanity and divinity
 - ♦ As a human, Jesus needed to pray, to sleep, to eat
 - ♦ As God, Jesus controlled the waves, the demons, and illnesses

Passage	Comments
	the Son of God; The widow with 2 mites and the widows of 1 Timothy 5 gave everything for God – but they reaped nothing in this life but abject poverty <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv43-45. We are to discern/judge good fruit from bad • vv46-49. We are to build our lives on a Solid Rock – in other words, we are to dig our foundations deep into God’s word, and live by His principles
7:1-10	The Roman Centurion and His Sick Slave <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why would a Roman be concerned about his slave? 2. Why would Jews consider this Roman as “deserving” 3. Why would Jesus be concerned about this Roman? 4. Why did this Roman refuse to receive Jesus? 5. Why did Jesus praise this Roman for his faith?
7:11-18	Jesus Heals Another Person with No Faith <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus broke protocol again by stopping a funeral procession • Why was Jesus concerned about this woman and her son, whom neither expressed having any faith in Him? • Why didn’t Jesus raise His own dad (Joseph) from the dead to show His compassion for His mother (Mary)?

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Luke 6:12-16	Jesus Selects His A-Team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why would Jesus, being 100% God, need all night to pray for things which were planned before time began, including Judas’ selection and betrayal? • Jesus, being 100% Man, had to present His requests to God the Father, just like we need to so all things work together for the good of those who love God . Rom 8:28
6:17-49	Sermon on the Plain <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very similar to the Sermon on the Mount Matthew 5 • No contradiction between Luke 6 and Matthew 5. Jesus repeated his teachings for new audiences much like our pastor delivers similar sermons at different times • vv17-19. Complete Healings. People came from everywhere to see Him, to hear Him, and to be healed by Him – and HE HEALED THEM ALL.... • vv20-23. The Beatitudes – the downtrodden will one day have their misfortunes reversed • vv24-26. The Woes – and the pompous rich will one day have their fortunes reversed • vv27-36. Radical Sayings – Love your enemies, Give to everyone who asks, Lend expecting nothing in return <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Seems contradictory with other statements by Jesus. Jesus called the Pharisees vipers and hypocrites (not much love there); He would not work signs when asked to do so by the Pharisees; and we are commanded not to give our “pearls” to “swine” ♦ We must realize Jesus made many radical statements to highlight spiritual truths (e.g., pluck your eyes out and cut your limbs off to gain Heaven) ♦ Some radical statements needed to be explained as metaphorical (literally gouging one’s eyes out does not gain Heaven) ♦ Other radical statements are conditional – Yes, we need to have a generous spirit, even to our enemies, but we also need to be aware of other biblical principles which may have overriding precedence (e.g., the prodigal son came to his senses and went home with the right humbled attitude when he realized nobody gave him anything. Luke 15) • vv37-42. Do Not Judge, Forgive and Give Generously. Powerful principles, yet results may not be seen in this life. For example, Jesus forgave His tormentors, but they did not forgive Him of His crime of claiming to be

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To: Jesus, Son of Joseph
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Dear Sir: Thank you for choosing us to help you assess the twelve men you have picked for managerial positions in your organization. All of them have now taken a battery of tests; and were interviewed by our psychologists and vocational aptitude consultants.

The profiles of all the tests are included, and you will want to study each of them carefully. It is our opinion that most of your nominees are lacking in background, education, and vocational aptitude for the type of enterprise you are undertaking. They do not have the team concept. We would recommend that you continue your search for persons of experience in managerial ability and proven capacity.

Simon Peter is emotionally unstable and given to fits of temper. Andrew has absolutely no quality of leadership. The two brothers, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, place personal interest above company loyalty. Philip seemed critical of everything. Thomas demonstrates a questioning attitude that would tend to undermine morale. We felt that it is our duty to tell you that Matthew has been blacklisted by the Greater Jerusalem Better Business Bureau. James the son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus definitely have radical leanings and they both registered high scores on the manic-depressive scale. Simon the Zealot seems militant while Bartholomew is an extreme introvert.

One of the candidates, however, shows great potential. He is a man of ability and resourcefulness, meets people well, has a keen business mind and has contacts in high places. He is a highly motivated, outspoken, ambitious and responsible. We recommend Judas Iscariot as your controller and right-hand man.

We wish you every success in your new venture.
Sincerely yours,
Jordanian Management Consultants
“We look at the Facts, not the Heart”

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7:19-35	<p>John The Baptist – “Are You the One?”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did John the Baptist have doubts about Jesus? • Jesus’ answer back to John didn’t come in words. It came in confirmation to God’s prophetic word “The blind now see, the lame walk, the deaf hear, diseases are cured, and the good news of salvation is preached” - The miracles and words of Christ confirmed His deity • v28. Can we be greater than JTB? Only if we are least! • vv31-35. There’s no pleasing some people – JTB was austere, Jesus went to parties – both were criticized 		
7:36-50 and Mat 26; Mark 14; John 12	<p>Jesus Has His Feet Washed Twice by Women</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early in His ministry • In Galilee (Luke 7) • House of Simon the Pharisee • Washed feet with tears • Simon was offended • Unnamed woman was a known sinner who got saved </td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End of His Ministry • In Bethany (Mat, Mrk, John) • House of Simon the Leper • Anointed head & feet with oil • Judas was offended • Woman was Mary, noble & saved sister of Lazarus </td> </tr> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both these women “got it” – they knew who Jesus really was • Simon the Pharisee and Judas “missed it” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early in His ministry • In Galilee (Luke 7) • House of Simon the Pharisee • Washed feet with tears • Simon was offended • Unnamed woman was a known sinner who got saved 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End of His Ministry • In Bethany (Mat, Mrk, John) • House of Simon the Leper • Anointed head & feet with oil • Judas was offended • Woman was Mary, noble & saved sister of Lazarus
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8:1-3	<p>Women Funded the Lord’s Ministry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v2. Mary Magdalene is named here, so she was not the woman who washed Jesus’ feet with her tears, else Luke would have recognized her as such • v3. Women saw fit to fund the Lord’s work with their own resources – These women were just as vital to the Lord’s work as were the Apostles & disciples <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Jesus could’ve just as easy pulled money out of fish (Mat 17) to fund His work, but He wants men and women to work in His ministry and reap rewards 		
8:4-15	<p>Parable of the Sower</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv09-10. Since His miracles confirmed His deity (John 10:25), why did Jesus veil the truth of the Gospel of Salvation in parables to the unsaved? • Couldn’t Jesus save more people if He was less vague, worked more miracles, and even visited the unsaved priests and Pharisees after His resurrection? • God doesn’t force His will on anyone. He gives enough evidence for those who are willing to accept, and enough wiggle room for those who don’t want to accept 		
8:16-18	<p>Nothing is Secret in the Kingdom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a warning to both believers and non-believers • v18. “Take care how you listen” or “Take seriously what we hear” for we will all give an account of the things we say, do and think about 		
8:19-21	<p>The Lord’s Mother and Brothers Pay Him a Visit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus uses this visit by His immediate family as a powerful analogy of how we are invited to become a part of His immediate family by simply obeying His command to hear and obey God’s word 		
8:22-25	<p>Jesus, 100% Man, Falls Asleep; 100% God, Calms the Wind and the Waves</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Where is your faith?” – The disciples are thick-headed • But would we have been any smarter or wiser? • Every time we fail to pray, to obey, and to believe we exhibit a lack of faith as the disciples 		
8:26-39	<p>Demons Jump from Naked Man to Herd of Pigs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We learn a few things about demons in this story <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ They recognize and fear the Son of God ♦ They can be tormented 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ They can torment people and animals relentlessly causing them to do shameful and destructive things to others and to themselves ♦ Many can inhabit a non-believer ♦ A person can be rid of demons by the power of God • Other similar passages of scripture reveal other details: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ If people don’t replace bad habits with godly habits, worse things can take up residence in them Lk 11 ♦ Prayer and fasting may be needed to rid people of demonic influence Mark 9 ♦ Not all bad behavior is due to demons. It could be willful behavior or due to physiological reasons (chemical imbalance due to age, injury or disease)
8:40-48	<p>“Who Touched Me?”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • While in route to heal Jairus’ terminally ill daughter, a woman with a bleeding disorder grabs the tassels of Jesus’ shawl, believing she would be touching God, and she was <i>instantaneously</i> healed Mark 5:25-34 • Jewish men often wore a garment called a, “Talith”, aka a Prayer-Shawl, which was symbolic of God and His word enveloping themsee Numbers 15:37-41 • v48. “Your faith has made you well” – What was the difference between this woman’s faith and the faith of everyone else who was looking to get a miracle?
8:49-56	<p>Healing of Jairus’ Terminally-ill Daughter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Don’t be afraid. Only believe, and she will be made well” – Powerful words from the Giver of Life • Are these words for us as well? Can we prevent death and even resurrect loved ones by not being afraid and only believing? • Considering the context and the “whole counsel of God” these words were very specific to Jairus’ situation • His daughter would eventually die again later in life, and so has everyone else down through the years • Generally speaking, as believers it is very true we do not and should not be afraid as we traverse through life – for all things will work out for our goodRom 8:28

CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS

- Again, Jesus worked miracles to confirm His deity and message

NEXT WEEK: Luke 24. Easter Message



Look carefully and see if you can find Jesus in this picture